Senate Bill 740, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 27, 1993, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1037.

Sincerely, William Donald Schaefer Governor

## House Bill No. 1037

AN ACT concerning

## Family Law - Guardianship - Termination of Parental Rights

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a court from entering a decree for guardianship of an individual until a certain time period after birth of the individual.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section 5-324

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article - Family Law

5-324.

The court may not enter a final [adoption] decree FOR ADOPTION OR FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF AN INDIVIDUAL until at least 15 days after the birth of the individual [to be adopted].

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1993.

May 27, 1993

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr. Speaker of the House of Delegates State House Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1071.

This bill would extend the termination date of the State Board of Law Examiners.